THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Facilities extended to the entrepreneurs/private individuals/firms involved in the development and maintenance of National Highways include Tax/fiscal concessions, reduction in import duty on highway construction equipments, cash support by NHAI, compensation for loss of revenue due to force majure conditions, treating housing and other development activities forming an integral part of the project as a part of road infrastructure for the purpose of tax concession.

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) Do not airse.

(e) No, Sir.

हिसार से पीलीबंगां तक सड़क का विकास

894. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है हिसार (हरियाणा) से पीलीबंगां (राजस्थान) जाने वाली सड़क रक्षा सड़क (डिफेंस रोड) है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका निर्माण कब हुआ था तथा उसका रख-रखाव किसके द्वारा किया जाता है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इस सड़क पर अनेक गढ्ढे हो गये हैं, विशेषकर हिसार से नौ किलोमीटर दूर आर्य नगर में ये गढ्ढे दो-दो फीट गहरे हैं तथा पिछले कई महीनों से ऐसी स्थिति है; और

(घ) उक्त सड़क की मरम्मत तथा पुनर्निर्माण न किये जाने के कारण क्या-क्या हैं तथा इस सड़क का पुनर्निर्माण कब तक कर दिया जायेगा?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) और (ख) जी हां। हिसार से पीलीबंगां तक की सड़क का दो-लेन विशिष्टयों के अनुरूप सुधार करने का कार्य सीमा सड़क संगठन द्वारा 1977-78 में अपने जिम्मे ले लिया गया था। सड़क का रख-रखाव सीमा सड़क संगठन द्वारा किया जाता है।

(ग) और (घ) अनुरक्षण एक निरंतर चलने वाली, प्रक्रिया है और यदि कोई कमी नजर आती है तो उसकी मरम्मत कर दी जाती है तथा सड़क को उपलब्ध निधियों के अंतर्गत यातायात-योग्य स्थिति में रखा जाता है। पानी के ठहराव के कारण आर्यनगर कस्बा क्षेत्र में सड़क को क्षति पहुंची है और इस पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है।

Supply of road safety equipments to Maharashtra

895. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have supplied different types of road safety equipments to Maharashtra during the last three years to reduce road accidents in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the equipments supplied, year-wise;

(c) whether road accidents have decreased in the State thereafter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Portable Weigh Bridge and financial assistance of Rs. 25.00 lakhs for purchase of one crane and one ambulance under the National Highway Patrolling Scheme was given to the government of Maharashtra during 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

(c) and (d) There is marginal increase in the number of road accidents during 1994 to 1996. However, accidents per thousand vehicles have decreased during 1996.

Ports handling cargo for exports and imports

896. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the ports in the country handling cargo meant for exports as well as imports in the country as on date with details of each port location-wise;

(b) the cargo handled by each port during last three years, year-wise and income generated therefrom;

(c) whether modernisation work is being carried on some of the ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) As on date, there are 11 Major Ports in the country handling cargo meant for export as well as imports. The major ports location-wise are as under:—

Calcutta/Haldia	—	West Bengal
Paradip	—	Orissa
Visakhapatnam	—	Andhra Pradesh
Madras	—	Tamil Nadu
Tuticorin	—	Tamil Nadu
Cochin	—	Kerala
New Mangalore	—	Kernataka
Mormugao	—	Goa
Jawaharlal Nehru	—	Maharashtra
Mumbai	—	Maharashtra
Kandla	—	Gujarat

(b) A statement showing the cargo handled by each port during the last three years, year-wise and income generated is given below.

(c) and (d) During 9th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to enhance the existing capacity upto 374 million tonnes. An outlay of Rs. 8800 crores has been proposed during 9th Plan for this purpose.

Statement

Ports Handling cargo for exports an imports tabled by miss saroj khaparde

Port	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Cargo handled (in Million tonnes)	Income (Rupees in crores)	Cargo handled (in Million tonnes)	Income (Rupees in crores)	Cargo handled (in Million tonnes)	Income* (Rupees in crores)
)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Calcutta	20.53	407.50	21.51	426.69	23.07	N.A.
Paradip	10.12	123.29	11.26	142.02	11.58	N.A.
Vizag.	30.03	202.24	32.82	237.14	34.50	N.A.
Madras	29,46	225.87	30.72	251.26	31.85	N.A.
Tuticorin	8.04	38.32	9.29	51.64	9.17	N.A.
Cochin	8.63	76.28	11.49	100.65	11.63	N.A.
New Mangalore	8.01	35.63	8.88	47.02	12.45	N.A.
Mormugao	18.88	77.05	18.10	76.52	17.37	N.A.
J. L. Nehru	5.01	145.99	6.87	219.69	8.07	N.A.
Mumbai	32.05	459.91	34.05	565.47	33.71	N.A.
Kandla	26.50	112.89	30.34	131.56	33.73	N.A.

* yet to be Audited.

Road accidents in India

897. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 70,000 innocent are killed and about three lacs are reported grievously injured every year, as per a survey in road accidents in India in addition to financial